

Polek, Jim

From: Greenberg, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 3:50 PM
To: Whitson, Amelia
Cc: Polek, Jim; Stuber, Robyn; Smith, DavidW
Subject: RE: Santa Clara Wastewater fire and pretreatment data

Amelia – Tom Dunkelman, EPA’s On Scene Coordinator at Santa Clara Wastewater, thinks the gross beta slug may have come from oil well drilling muds or oil well process water disposed at Santa Clara Wastewater. Tom says they take a variety of wastewater from the oil fields.

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From: Whitson, Amelia
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2014 10:16 AM
To: Greenberg, Ken
Cc: Polek, Jim; Stuber, Robyn; Smith, DavidW
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Hi Ken,

The most recent 2014 PCI for Oxnard (attached) included the following discussion on p.3:

“City staff reported that some trunk lines in the collection system are experiencing corrosion due to hydrogen sulfide. Staff suspected the source might have been an SIU and investigated it, but could not isolate the problem to the SIU. The City used an IBRID MX6 “sniffer” and conducted sampling at Santa Clara Waste Water (centralized waste treater, classified as a CIU) and the dissolved hydrogen sulfide levels at the CIU complied with the local limit. Eventually the high hydrogen sulfide levels subsided and the City was unable to determine the source.”

Not sure about Gross Beta. Might be a local prohibition against discharging radioactive materials, but you’re right, there’s no limit in the copy of the permit we got. Sometimes IU permits include local narrative prohibitions as attachments, which may not have been included in the copy to us (there were at least two other attachments referenced in the permit that weren’t included). Let me know if it’s something you’d like me to dig further into, and I can ask the city.

Best,
Amelia

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From: Greenberg, Ken
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Whitson, Amelia; Polek, Jim
Subject: RE: Santa Clara Wastewater fire and pretreatment data

Amelia – two of the NOV's are for violations of the BOD and H2S local limits. I noticed in Oxnard's annual report that several other IUs were violating the H2S local limit. Any idea why they have a local limit for H2S? The third NOV is for Gross Beta, but I don't see a local limit or categorical limit for Gross Beta in their permit. Any idea what this is about? I'll check with RB4 to see if they're planning a follow-up investigation.

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From: Whitson, Amelia
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To: Greenberg, Ken; Polek, Jim
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Evidently this facility's pretreatment compliance in 2014 has not been as good as it was in 2013.

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From: Stuber, Robyn
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 10:26 AM
To: Smith, DavidW; Bromley, Eugene; Whitson, Amelia; Diamond, Jane
Subject: FW: Santa Clara Wastewater fire and pretreatment data

More on Santa Clara facility.

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From: Morris, Cris@Waterboards [<mailto:Cris.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 5:40 PM

To: Stuber, Robyn

Subject: FW: Santa Clara Wastewater fire and pretreatment data

Just in case David did not send this to you. I have been out of the office all day.

Regards,
Cris

From: Erickson, Elizabeth@Waterboards

Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 6:58 PM

To: Chou, Rebecca@Waterboards; Hung, David@Waterboards; Morris, Cris@Waterboards

Cc: Smith, Deborah@Waterboards; Unger, Samuel@Waterboards; Marley, Hugh@Waterboards; Colby, Russ@Waterboards; Owens, Cassandra@Waterboards; Anijelo, Augustine@Waterboards

Subject: Santa Clara Wastewater fire and pretreatment data

Hello all,

Please see three pretreatment NOVs from the City of Oxnard, list of chemicals kept on site, and pretreatment permit
Elizabeth

From: Alfredo Salcedo [<mailto:salcedo@ci.oxnard.ca.us>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 5:05 PM

To: Erickson, Elizabeth@Waterboards

Cc: Jeremy Grant

Subject: Santa Clara Wastewater Inspection Copy

Elizabeth,

Attached you will find draft NOVs, Permit, and a copy of last facility inspection.

Please be advised that the files for this company are at the city's attorney office for public information request. As soon they are done with them, PDF copies will be done if request it.

Call me if you have any questions or any additional information you need at (805) 385-3962.

Alfredo Salcedo